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Dear Munny: - Your 3rd package greeted me when I arrived home tonight and I have just finished looking it over. I am awfully glad that you sent up the cacti for Mr Parish has been wishing time & time again for more material. You must have gotten a wrong starter for Juncal for the plant you collected the first trip was *J. baccata* and while the collections of the second trip are either *McBogensis* or thereabouts. I will go into it carefully tho. over at the herbarium. The *Dudleya* is a sticker as I recall it is an almost perfect match of a plant collected by Jepson in the Panamints and like it it differs in flower color and in its flat instead of subterete leaves from Jones' *C. saxosa*. I do wish that you could tackle those stone-crops for my how they are mixed up and misunderstood. I worked over your last shipment two days ago. I would not consider anything in it worthy of a report tho. certainly it contains valuable things. I had two grand runs, one in placing *Oligomeris* and the other in locating the genus for that shrubby very mint-like *Lippia Wrightii*. It came as a grand surprise to me that *Lippias* affected any other habit than the trailing herbaceous form common to the lawn-plant and to *L. lanceolata*. I am glad that those penstemons were sent for Mr Brandegee has asked me about them several times; I will compare them carefully with his types and will, as well, get his opinion on them. Oh yes we got a collection of *Cypripedium Hellmanii* a species heretofore collected in Cal only, to the north of our station at Seastach by Mrs B.; ~~it~~ it has not been reported ^{formally} and I believe it ought to be ~~so~~ and ought as the same time be reduced to a var. of *C. gracilis*. I sent that *Carex* to Mackenzies & the *Poa* to Chase. I turned the *rembulifer* over to Jepson & he tells me it is *Sonchum Parishii* var. I am letting Mrs Otley name the *Soti* for me & a Miss Ailers name the *Antragalis*. I wish that you would send me up a dozen odd blank labels.

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Well it seems that I am of a certain going on that lower Cal. trip. Dr Hall is favorable & Dr Clements is not unfavorable while Dr Jepson is willing that I should go. I am going over to Fresno next week to see about my passport and to make the final agreements & arrangements. The party sails from S. F. on March 15th and is scheduled to leave Guaymas Mex on the 1st of April for a 3 month ^{in the Gulf of Cal.} cruise in a leased boat. I shall try to come home before I go & will very probably see you during the 2nd week in March. Oh boy! I surely am going to have some time; nothing to do but botanize for 3 whole months and in that wonderful region too. I plan to leave Guaymas about the middle of the first week in July going from there by rail to Colorado.

I do hope that you can stop in the Providence Mtn in July for at that time of year a wonderful array of good things could be gotten which we only saw in leaf. That Colorado Cal. trip is a good one if you can only make it, and of only the season is good.

If you send any more plants please direct them to me at the herbarium. As I had not heard from Jepson concerning his disposition of those plants you sent him, and so was glad to hear from you. Congratulations! that small yellow Calochortus, I believe is the first plant to perpetuate the name of "Munz". I had not heard that you had shipped off your Cuscuta material but certainly that was a good move, for if ever there was a group where authentically named material helps it is in Cuscuta.

Well I will ^{well} wind up this little note to a close. You will hear from me again soon, meanwhile I am,

Very sincerely yours

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